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APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES LETTERS PATENT**Post-Filed Continuation Declaration and Power of Attorney (37 CFR 1.53(f))**

As a below named inventor, I declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

"HIGH STRENGTH HOT ROLLED STEEL SHEET AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME"

the specification of which was filed March 28, 2002 has been accorded SN 10/108,691.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of said specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56.

I claim priority benefits under 35 USC §119 of: (i) any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below; or (ii) any United States provisional application(s) listed below; and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application(s) on which priority is claimed.

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED
Japan Japan	2000-331681 2000-331682	31 OCT 2000 31 OCT 2000	yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/>
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Japan	2001-044355	20 FEB 2001	yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/>
Japan	2001-282774	18 SEPT 2001	yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/>

I claim priority benefits under 35 USC 120 of International Application PCT/JP01/09469 filed October 29, 2001.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

I appoint the following attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office connected therewith: Leonard Holtz, Reg. No. 22,974; Herbert Goodman, Reg. No. 17,081; Marshall J. Chick, Reg. No. 26,853; Richard S. Barth, Reg. No. 28,180; Douglas Holtz, Reg. No. 33,902; and Robert P. Michal, Reg. No. 35,614.

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Yoshimasa FUNAKAWA et al

Serial No. : 10/108,691

Filed : March 28, 2002

For : HIGH STRENGTH HOT ROLLED
STEEL SHEET AND METHOD
FOR MANUFACTURING THE
SAME

Art Unit : 1742

**FILING MISSING DECLARATION UNDER
37 CFR 1.53 (f)**

Commissioner for Patents

S I R :

ATTN.: BOX MISSING PARTS

The NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION dated May 9, 2002 (copy enclosed), specified that the Oath or Declaration had been omitted and required that it be filed within two months from the date of said NOTICE.

Enclosed herewith is the executed Continuation Declaration dated May 31, 2002. Please enter it in the file of the above-identified application.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on the date noted below.

Attorney: *Herbert Goodman*

Dated: July 2, 2002

In the event that this Paper is late filed and the necessary petition for extension of time is not filed concurrently herewith, please consider this as a Petition for the requisite extension of time, and to the extent not tendered by check attached hereto, authorization to charge the extension fee, or any other fee required in connection with this Paper, to Account No. 06-1378.

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Please apply the enclosed check in the amount of \$130.00 as the surcharge for filing the Continuation Declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H Goodman', is written over a horizontal line.

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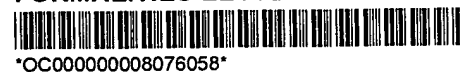
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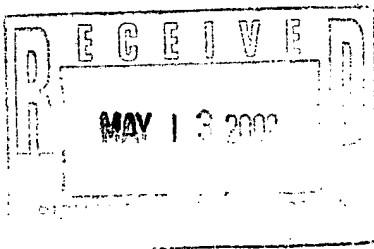
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

Items Required To Avoid Processing Delays:

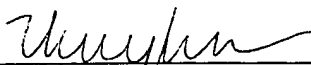
The item(s) indicated below are also required and should be submitted with any reply to this notice to avoid further processing delays.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity

- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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